

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

PRESENT: Todd M. Carusillo, Dexter S. Kinsella (zoom), Mark S. Harris

OTHERS: Audrey Blondin; Cynthia Barrett; Henrietta Horvay; Dawn Wilkes; Lynette Miller; Patrick Lucas; Scott Olson;

- 1. Call to order:** Todd M. Carusillo called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- 2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of October 17, 2023:** In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of October 17, 2023 as submitted. Voted unanimous.
- 3. Matters Arising Out of the meeting October 26, 2023:** None
- 4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – October 26, 2023:** In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant and payroll of October 26, 2023 in the amount of \$1,475,788.73 Included was the warrant in the amount of \$1,449,514.96 and the payroll in the amount of \$26,273.77 Voted unanimous. Also included in this warrant: Dime Oil - \$7,359.67.00; Mountain Top Trucking - \$32,715.88; Region 6 - \$1,370,061.00; Sepples Tree Serv. - \$24,625.00.
- 5. First Selectman’s Report:**
Goshen’s Public Works Dept. has been busy grading dirt roads, and fall and winter preparations.

The Broadband Committee will seek dissolution.

Todd spoke with Goshen’s Selectmen regarding establishing “Blight Ordinance” along with having conversations with Chip Roraback. Citings on Hall Meadow Road suggest there may be some places that need to be looked at. Mark Harris reminded people that what may look like “blight”, may be farm equipment or harvest piles that are legitimate/in compliance.

- 6. Public Comment:** None
- 7. Correspondence:** Todd has received Scott Olson’s letter of resignation from the EDC. LuAnne Zbinden declined the appointment of her serving on the *Subcommittee of the Board of Selectmen*.

A letter from Erin Reilly, Recreation Commissioner, was received requesting to be on the agenda for the October 31st Board of Selectmen Meeting. This is regarding Human Services Task Force.

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Todd has received a request from Erin Reilly, Recreation Commissioner, to have her office moved from Town Hall over to Kobylenski Lodge, located at Camp Cochipianne.

Information from the State of CT on the work to begin on the rotary in the center of town. The cost will be \$4.3 million; federal funding is 80%, state funding is 20%. Work will begin in 2026.

The original list of individuals to serve on the *Building Committee of the Board of Selectmen* has changed inasmuch as some individuals have other responsibilities and others would be presumed to have a conflict of interest. Todd Carusillo will remain on the “committee” as consultant, inasmuch as he has procured the “grant” from the State for this project (grant is a *legal* document in which, in this case, the First Selectman is responsible for its contents (monetary) in partners with the state and the town of Goshen).

Selectman Dexter Kinsella also asked to be removed from the Building Committee of the Board of Selectmen, in that he would prefer to be recognized as “consultant” to this Board. The main members of the *subcommittee* should be those individuals that will actually use those buildings.

Mark Harris stated that the Board of Finance will set the mill rate. Selectman Harris stated, true “conflict of interest” is when an individual has a personal or financial interest in a project that is not available to the general public. The Board of Selectmen can serve on this Subcommittee as “advisory capacity” only.

8. Old Business: None

8a. Appointments: None

9. New Business:

9a. Request from Goshen Public Works Dept. for Hazard Tree Removal:

Garret Harlow, Goshen Public Works Supervisor, is requesting a purchase order in the amount of \$30,000 to be taken from the Town Aid Road account 2400-32. This is to fund the selective removal of trees that are dead and compromised, along various roads. In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the transfer of funds of \$30,000 for tree removal project from the Town Aid Road. Voted unanimous.

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to add to the agenda under 10. Other Business, 10a. Weed Harvesting. Voted unanimous.

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10. Other Business:

10a. Weed Harvesting:

At the meeting of the WPCA on October 10, 2023, remarks were made by a member regarding weed harvesting at Tyler Lake. The statements were erroneous. Only hydro-raking was done to keep the weeds under control.

11. Adjournment: In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectively submitted:

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide